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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION**

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,

Case No. 3:23-cv-2880

Plaintiff,

V.

MICROSOFT CORP.,

and

ACTIVISION BLIZZARD, INC.,

Defendants.

**DECLARATION OF CHRISTIAN
SVENSSON IN SUPPORT OF NON-
PARTY SONY INTERACTIVE
ENTERTAINMENT LLC'S MOTION
AND ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION
FOR SEALING AND *IN CAMERA*
TREATMENT**

DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF SONY INTERACTIVE ENTERTAINMENT LLC'S
MOTION FOR SEALING AND IN CAMERA TREATMENT
CASE NO. 3:23-CV-2880

1 I, Christian Svensson, declare as follows:

2 1. I am Head of Global Third Party Relations at Sony Interactive Entertainment LLC
3 (“SIE”). I am more than eighteen years of age. Based on my experience with SIE, I am familiar
4 with SIE’s protection of its trade secrets and other confidential and proprietary business
5 information discussed below. I make this declaration based on personal knowledge, and I could
6 testify competently to the matters set forth herein.

7 2. I understand that on June 20, 2023, the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) and
8 defendants Microsoft Corporation and Activision Blizzard, Inc. filed exhibit lists with the Court
9 (ECF Nos. 128 and 137, respectively). I understand that the listed exhibits reference or contain
10 certain highly confidential SIE information. I also understand that SIE intends to file a motion for
11 sealing and in camera treatment of these documents to protect SIE’s confidential information. I
12 make this declaration in support of that motion.

13 3. I understand that the proposed exhibits contain several different categories of
14 confidential information, including:

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- 16 • Non-public SIE data, analysis, and survey results relating to SIE product
17 strategy and platform users’ behavior on SIE’s platform, including user
18 engagement, gameplay, spend, likelihood of switching, or potential
19 competitive impacts of Microsoft’s proposed acquisition of Activision;
 - 20 • Non-public information about SIE’s approach to contract negotiations with
21 third party partners and discussions of particular contract terms with particular
22 partners;
 - 23 • Non-public information on the nature and scope of SIE’s technical
24 collaboration with particular publishers;
 - 25 • Non-public information about SIE’s business strategies, competitive business

plans, future investment plans, console and product development plans, product roadmaps, innovation plans; and

- Non-public SIE business analysis regarding competitors' and commercial partners' behavior and products.

4. The information SIE seeks to keep confidential is non-public information internal to SIE. The information includes confidential, internal SIE data, including platform user and franchise data, and economic and commercial analyses and business strategies that are not publicly accessible outside SIE. These data and analyses include franchise performance comparisons, user preferences, player spending amounts, and other categories of data. SIE's access to and use of these data and analyses is a competitive advantage that it relies upon for strategic planning, including competitive, marketing, and business strategies. SIE's competitive analysis of the potential impacts of Microsoft's proposed acquisition of Activision on SIE's business, in particular, is based on and informed by SIE's internal data and analyses and should not be made publicly available. SIE's commercial partners could gain unfair leverage in future SIE interactions with knowledge of SIE's specific competitive concerns regarding the proposed transaction.

5. SIE's confidential business strategies and plans to compete, including product innovations plans, are also highly sensitive and cannot be shared with SIE's competitors without detriment to SIE. SIE operates on the basis that its business strategy materials and discussions will not be shared outside SIE and it seeks competitive advantage by maintaining secrecy over these strategies and plans. SIE strictly restricts dissemination of this type of data and competitive and business strategy analyses. SIE takes steps to preserve the confidentiality of this type of information to protect SIE's competitive position, and its release could provide insight into SIE's strategic plans or create information asymmetries during commercial negotiations. SIE does not

1 share this information with the public.

2 6. SIE also seeks to keep confidential information relating to its approach to contract
3 negotiations with particular counterparties and details of particular contract terms between SIE
4 and certain counterparties. These negotiations and any resulting contracts are often subject to
5 confidentiality provisions. Public release of this information would put SIE at a disadvantage in
6 current and future negotiations by creating an information asymmetry between SIE and its
7 counterparties, whereby counterparties would have insight into SIE's negotiations and outcomes,
8 but SIE would have no insight into its counterparties' negotiations and outcomes. Moreover,
9 even the very existence of negotiations and contracts with certain third parties is confidential and
10 could not be disclosed publicly without risking substantial harm to SIE's other business
11 relationships.

12 7. Similarly, SIE seeks to keep confidential information detailing the nature and
13 scope of SIE's technical collaboration with third-party partners. Such collaboration with
14 independent developers and publishers is an important component of SIE's strategy to
15 differentiate its products. Public disclosure of the details of this collaboration would
16 disadvantage SIE by giving competitors insight into its product design process and damaging
17 SIE's sensitive partner relationships.

18 8. Disclosure of SIE's highly confidential information contained in the
19 aforementioned paragraphs could unfairly enable SIE's competitors to gain insight into SIE's
20 strategic thinking and business strategy and provide competitors with internal data SIE uses for its
21 own competitive advantage and planning, giving an unwarranted advantage to competitors and
22 business partners and risking competitive harm to SIE. Such information would be immensely
23 valuable to competitors in developing their own strategy against SIE and to prospective and
24 current business partners in negotiating with SIE.

9. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on June 21, 2023, in Union City, California.

By  DocuSigned by:
Christian Svensson
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